

**Town Hall Meeting Summary**  
**January 25, 2010**  
**Durango Hills Community Center – Operated by the YMCA**

**Attendance**

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman  
Councilman Anthony  
Councilman Ross  
Sheriff Doug Gillespie  
Betsy Fretwell  
DCMs  
Department Directors

**Summary of Event**

The event was held in an exercise room and was attended by approximately 90 people. Based on a question from the Mayor about the number of employees, it appeared there were approximately 45 employees.

Following the presentation by Betsy Fretwell, David Riggleman moderated the dialogue by asking questions that were written down from the audience participants. The questions are listed below.

In addition, the last half hour was reserved for participants to ask questions directly to the panel.

**Audience participation questions**

1. One percent of funds to economic development – what we don't do is export anything; it makes me sad. Put money into altering the image of the City – arts and entertainment instead of strip clubs and casinos.
2. Address Leisure Services Art Centers that are taking hits (in the budget cutting).
3. What is the value of cutting eight percent of pay for the firefighters?
4. Asked to the Chiefs of Police and Fire and the Sheriff: Do you have a plan of where you will be cutting resources if you have to cut?

**The following were questions/suggestions/comments that were provided and will be included in the public record.**

**Questions regarding City Hall**

5. How much from the budge has been spent on the city hall project for design, parking structure etc.?

6. If the economy does not improve by 2017 when the first payment for city hall is due, will the general fund make the bulk of the 13 million due?
7. Why build the new city hall now? Improve technical education to attract hi-tech industry.
8. How much money will the new city hall cost? The tax payers are the one's voting also the potential layoff of its employees.
9. The County has its City Center. The new city hall will be the city's monorail.

### **Questions about the Fire Department**

10. How is the tax initiative of 2000 for the fire services dept. doing on expenditures amount with the residential downturn?
11. How can an 8% pay cut for the fire dept. pay slow response time as indicated by the radio ads?
12. As sun City residence, I'm concerned about the how much longer it's going to take paramedics to get to us, since it takes them now 11 minutes and it takes 8 minutes only to lose brain activity from lose of oxygen?
13. If the LVFD, along with all other city employees, were to agree to the 8% reduction in pay to save as many jobs as possible throughout the city, would response times be any different than they are today? All labor unions should share equal in addressing the budget shortfall by reducing overtime.
14. Will the same amount of fire stations be shutdown in residential and commercial area? What is the percentage of residential and commercial taxes and does that play a factor in shutting down units? What areas is Metro going to cut back on and how number of officers?

### **Questions about salaries and Wages**

15. The city council should be the first to accept the 8% pay cut to lead the way. This is what leaders do!
16. I noticed on the council meeting that the executives are going to give up their bonuses. Can you tell us which public employees are eligible for bonuses? How much and how were they determined?

### **Questions about the City Budget**

17. Why not put the money from the parking garage settlement into the city offers?

18. Why are still spending millions on software and proposals for projects which significantly have declined with the down turn?

### **Miscellaneous Questions**

19. Has the public been asked to make a choice as to which project they want to fund (A) city hall, (B) Mob Museum or (C) leisure services programs?
20. Bring hi-tech businesses to diversify the economy. I have concerns about traffic control not being efficient and causing accidents and pollution.
21. If you want to consolidate all the government entities together why built a new city hall, we have already a new building for Clark County on Grand Central Pkwy.
22. Have you considered 4 day work week to reduce cost?
23. How much overtime money is spent on police officer, fire fighter attending funerals for the fallen police officers this year? Why can't pay their respects by attending and not getting paid?
24. The public has placed trust in the elected officials to provide core services and provide safety to tourist and citizens. How do you plan to insure our justices system continues to punish the criminals with the reduction of jail beds?
25. Eliminate government TV. And keep public safety. Thru hard economic times people use parks more and they need to feel safe.
26. City residents do not want to lose vital services such as safety, fire and rescue. Try to get the government to pay for detention center bed space.
27. The city has a bad track record in redevelopment. What is the city doing to prevent more foreclosures?
28. How many surveys were completed and what is the general demographics? Do away with code enforcement in neighborhoods & parking tickets in family neighborhoods also cut overtime for fire fighters and stop overpaying the fire captains. Less expensive benefit package for employees.

### **Leisure and Community Centers and Cultural Arts**

29. Please keep leisure and cultural arts services affordable for families in all wards.
30. Will community centers that offer cultural programs experience the same cuts across the board or will some facilities experience more cuts than others?
31. Which cultural arts programs are at risk of being reduced or eliminated?
32. How is the city planning to support art and cultural centers?
33. Let's promote production and exportation of local fine art to help the economy no just gaming and entertainment.